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JAPANESE CUT OFF FROM BASE IN NORTH HOPEI

Rebel Against Puppet Government in Suichow; Chinese Cross Fooho River; Advance Steadily in Canton Sector

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24.—In the northern part of Hopei Province Chinese troops have cut several points into the Peiping-Hankow railway. The area penetrated is the site of the Japanese garrison, which is now completely cut off from its base in Hankow. On December 20 in the region of Suichow, northwest of Hankow, a unit of 700 Chinese troops rebelled against the local Japanese puppet government. According to latest reports fighting is continuing between the Chinese rebels and Japanese troops.

In the Nanching sector of Kiangsi Province, Chinese troops on December 26 succeeded in crossing the Footh river at three points. One of the Chinese units which crossed the river reached a point 15 kilometers east of Nanchang. North of Canton serious fighting is still going on. Chinese troops are reported to be successfully advancing in a southern direction, having already gained 35 kilometers north of Canton.

An important victory was won by Chinese forces in the western part of Suyuan Province. On December 19 Chinese troops broke through to Paotow and were warmly welcomed by the people.

The Christmas silence was broken only by the sporadic bark of guns in the Saarbruecken sector, as if to remind the world that nations are at war and that years may pass before there is peace on earth and good will among men.

A few patrols ventured out into the Moselle Valley No-Man's-Land near the Luxembourg frontier but most of the troops on both sides of the front remained in their forts, pill-boxes and rear-line bases, singing drinking songs and unwrapping packages from home.

The men tried to instill as much of the spirit of Christmas as possible among the surroundings of death and devastation to come.

For the first time in days even warplanes had disappeared from the sky over the Maginot and Siegfried lines—not because of Christmas but because of the pea-soup fog.

"Nothing important to report," said the French High Command's morning communiqué today.

(The German High Command twice reported: "Western Front quiet.")

Only small units of men held the advance posts of the Maginot Line tonight and the others were inside the gun turrets and underground chambers of the fortified line or celebrating in tiny villages to the rear, all the way from the North Sea to Switzerland.

2 Little Girls Try to Beat Santa, Lose Out

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24 (UPI).—Frances, 7, and Rose Marie Cotroneo, 5, knew that their parents had hidden mysterious packages in a clothes closet on the second floor of their home.

They were curious and impatient. Christmas was but a day away.

When their mother and father left the house the eager girls rushed to the closet and began to explore behind the dresses, coats and suits.

But it was dark and they could not see. They ran down to the kitchen, got matches and hurried back upstairs.

One of the girls lit a match and it ignited the clothing in the closet. When firemen arrived the closet and a bedroom were burned to death and at least a dozen other persons were rescued today when fire swept through the building.

The bodies of Mrs. Bertha Eastbrook, 70, and her daughter, Harriet W. Eastbrook, 38, were found by firemen in their third floor apartment.

Ralph Cotroneo, father of the children, said that the toys could not be replaced.

Only the Christmas tree was left and that would have to do.

Crashed Plane Sighted by Alaskan Searching Party

NULATO, Alaska, Dec. 24 (UPI).—A searching party seeking the second airplane to be reported missing within a week somewhere in frozen Alaskan wastelands, reported today they had sighted from the air wreckage of the missing plane and believed its occupants dead.

Spain Vets Meet Here, Ask Aid for Prisoners

12,000 Still in French Prisons; Robber War, Mannerheim Hit

By Art Shields

Free the International Brigades—12,000 in French concentration camps, others in Spain!

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who fought at Brunete, Teruel and the Ebro, closed their third annual convention at the Hotel Diplomatic last night with a pledge that they would lend every effort to force the release of their imprisoned comrades in arms.

The veterans made this declaration after unanimously passing a resolution against the European imperialist war.

"We veterans state that this war is an Imperialist War," said the resolution. "We are opposed to it and we are more strongly opposed to the United States taking any part in it."

Greetings to the heroic Finnish Government and its leader Kuusinen, with wishes for a speedy victory," were sent in another resolution.

MANNERHEIM JAILED VET LEADER

Kuusinen's speedy victory, veterans pointed out, will bring the release of their Finnish comrade Gunnar Ebb, commander of the "Mac-Paps," the McKenzie Patriotic Brigade. The Mannerheim clique gave Ebb ten years in prison when he came back to Finland.

The State Department won't intervene for the imprisoned Internationals in France, the American people must," said David McElroy White, national executive secretary yesterday afternoon.

The first task of the new National Executive Committee will be to plan a detailed national campaign for aid to these Internationals and the 200,000 Spanish refugees in France," he declared.

White read a shocking letter from Adolf Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, refusing to intervene in behalf of the internationals and the Spanish refugees.

The Department appreciates your interest in the work of assisting Spanish refugees in France and the humanitarian motives, which have prompted you," wrote Berle, under date of December 22.

"I regret to say, however," continued the Assistant Secretary of State, "that it would not be possible for this government to make representations to the government of another country upon a matter of THIS KIND [our emphasis] unless American interests are directly involved. Any deviation from this policy, particularly UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NOW PREVAILING [our emphasis], could not be other than prejudicial to our efforts to extend the fullest possible protection to American citizens and to legitimate American interests."

POLICIES EXPOSED

"What an exposure of American foreign policies is revealed in this letter," said White, after reading it.

American interests are directly involved in the imprisonment of eight American ex-soldiers in Franco's own prison at Burgos, but State Department protests have not been vigorous enough to prevent five year prison sentences for these brave Yanks.

White read a letter from the wife of Luigi Gallo, second in command in the staff of the International Brigade, telling of the wretched conditions under which her husband is held. Gallo was arrested the day before the French army mobilized last August.

"They have shaved his head like a jailbird," said Mrs. Gallo, "and put him at heavy work like a convict. He is held behind barbed wire

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DEFENSE LEVY FOR C. P. RIGHTS ANNOUNCED

Special Assessment for Defense Fund Is Decided by National Committee; Foster Urges Prompt Payment

The attempt to imprison our beloved Comrade Browder on film charges; the persecution of Weiner, Darcy, Schneiderman and Ganns; the hounding of other leaders and members of our Party; the constant harassment of the Party by the Government, not only makes it imperative that these attacks be met, but is warning that these steps together with the campaign in the press, are part of a plan, which becomes clearer every day, to create an atmosphere for even greater blows against the Communist Party.

To meet this attack means not only to defend the Communist Party of the United States but to strike a mighty blow at the war plans of Wall Street; to help beat back the growing attacks on labor, on the unemployed, upon the security and rights of the American people. In this situation preparation in itself is a means of defense and failure to be prepared on all fronts would be but to expose and disarm the Party to the attacks of our enemies.

Therefore it becomes clear that together with greater efforts to arouse and unite labor and the people to resist and defeat the war program of the bourgeoisie which is being carried forward by the Roosevelt administration we must also have the means to conduct an effective legal defense of the Party and its leadership and of those rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. A defense fund of \$50,000 must be raised quickly. This is a burden which must be borne equally by all. To achieve this the National Committee is levying a Special Defense Assessment to the amounts of \$1 or 50 cents. The proceeds of this assessment will be used only for the purpose of defray-

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for Communists, headed by Comrades Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Robert Minor. This fund will be a joint fund of the national Committee and the State, Committee of New York.

Every Party member is called upon to place himself in good standing by taking out his assessment as soon as possible. Carrying through the assessment in record time will be an act of first rate political importance, demonstrating the unity and strength of the Party; our loyalty and love for the leaders of our Party and our class and our ability and determination to carry on our work in a disciplined manner no matter how difficult the circumstances.

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Xmas Gifts the People Want--Peace and Jobs

Cross Section of Common People's Opinions Reveals Sharp Opposition to War; Resent Attack on Browder

Interviews yesterday with average Americans show that the people are keenly alive to the problems confronting them this Christmas 1939.

Peace on earth and jobs are the things they want most for Christmas. A truck driver who didn't want his name mentioned, interviewed over a cup

cousin wrote that everybody in Ohio was talking about Cleveland. "It's awful to let people starve like that. The least they can do is give them relief. It's not much but it's better than not eating."

NEUTRALITY FOR OHIO'S STARVING

War, Tony said, is bad for the people. When asked about the U.S. neutrality law he grew angry.

"They've got plenty for England and nothing for Cleveland—that's the neutrality law."

On the question on civil liberty for the Communist Party, they were quite outspoken.

"You're a Communist and I'm not," the truck driver said. "But that's all right, I can sit here and

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PARTY SEAMEN GREET 'DAILY' STAND ON ANTI-NEGRO FILM

The Waterfront Section of the Communist Party yesterday greeted the stand of the Daily Worker on the film "Gone with the Wind" as one which will greatly strengthen the struggle for Negro rights in America.

The statement was a telegram lauding the Daily Worker for the expulsion of the anti-Negro renegade Rushmore. It declared that "Negro and white workers everywhere will applaud the firm policy

of the Daily Worker in cleansing itself of the renegade Rushmore." The telegram follows in full:

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that glorifies the Confederate rebellion and casts longing eyes upon the days when Negroes were chattel slaves. What a logical development for Rushmore! One day, white chauvinist, next day, war-monger and pen peddler for Hearst."

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Waterfront Section, Communist Party.

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I ONLY SHOT 2 OR 3, SAYS COAST DEPUTY

Finns Lose 1,000 Men In Clash With Red Army

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Dec. 24.—Clashes of reconnoitering units on the Karelian Isthmus front today resulted in the death of nearly one thousand Finnish troops. Soviet forces captured thirty-five prisoners, four of them officers.

The official communiqué of the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area stated as follows:

"Nothing of importance took place on the front on December 24 except serious clashes between reconnoitering units on the Karelian Isthmus with the result that Finnish troops left on the field 971 killed while Soviet troops took thirty-five prisoners, including four officers."

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Sixteen enemy planes were brought down in air combats, it was announced today in a communiqué issued from the Leningrad military headquarters. The communiqué said no fighting of importance took place on the front during December 23.

Drive to Crush British, French Labor Exposed

Crisis Coming in Gov't Efforts to 'Nazify' Trade Unions

Faced with the increasing strug-

gles of labor against the war, the

imperialist governments of Cham-

berland and Daladier are conspi-

racy to "Nazify" completely the trade

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LaFollette Probers Hear Savage Story of Vigilante Terror

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.

The LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee meeting here learned what Associated Farmers law means when agricultural unions are on strike. While Senator Robert M. LaFollette, chairman, followed every word closely, witnesses told of peaceful picket lines at Marysville being assaulted by armed men, of leaders arrested and others beaten up, given "fusters."

The Senator heard two men—Ralph Newcomb, Earl Fruit Company official, and Deputy Sheriff Bill Wilcoxon of Yuba county—openly accused of the violent acts.

THEY ADMIT IT

And then he heard the men virtually admit under oath that they had committed them.

The crowd that jammed into the committee's courtroom in the Post Office building here was even larger than that of preceding days of the committee's investigation into Associated Farmers violations of civil liberties.

First on the stand was cocky, curly-haired Joseph Heenan, district attorney of Yuba county. The man who prosecuted the Marysville strikers, he almost barked his testimony at Senator LaFollette.

Heenan was followed on the stand by Sheriff Charles McCoy of Yuba county. Both gave their version of the incidents on July 21 and 22 this year when pickets were beaten and arrested.

SHERIFF CLAIMS

USSR Votes For Tested Candidates

Secret Balloting for Local Soviets Puts Complete Power in Hands of People to Choose Candidates for Fuller Life

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Today the working people of the USSR will go to the polls to elect by direct equal and universal suffrage through the secret ballot, deputies to the local Soviets of working people.

The election of local Soviets will complete the reorganization of all organs of the state power in the USSR from top to bottom, as laid down by the Stalinist Constitution. The people, already accustomed to being the judge of elections and candidates will ask: What is the platform of the candidates of that bloc of Communists and non-party people which has operated successfully during elections of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and of the Supreme Soviets of the Soviet republics?

This election platform of Soviet candidates to the post of deputy differs radically from the platforms which operate during elections in capitalist countries. Above all, this platform is not a promise, but a reality. Such a platform can not be forgotten on the day following elections as is the case in so-called democratic countries.

Why? Because for over two decades this platform has steadily been fulfilled in the Soviet Union. Every elector can formulate its basic points.

The elector votes for the USSR to continue its future and also to be a powerful cultured and free Socialist State. He votes for a system under which there is no exploitation or unemployment, a system under which everybody can cer-

Germany Calling Marooned Ships Home, French Say

PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—Official French sources said tonight that the masters of between 400 and 500 German merchant ships marooned in foreign ports by the war had been ordered to try to slip back to Germany and to scuttle their vessels on the dash for home rather than submit to capture by the Allied navies.

Allied naval forces, which captured up to Dec. 4, 735,000 tons of merchandise destined for Germany, have been ordered to redouble their guard against German merchant ships. It was understood, in order to frustrate Hitler's attempt to get them home.

The German ships abroad at the start of the war totalled about 1,800,000 tons, according to French statistics. Of these, about a score have since been scuttled by their crews to avoid capture. French officials said the tonnage scuttled was around 157,000 tons.

In addition, it was stated, 27 German ships have been captured by the Allies and taken into port. Their cargoes included raw materials, food, rubber, pyrite, leather, grains and a huge amount of gasoline.

TESTED CANDIDATES

Whether he is entrusted with big or small responsibility in his work—only tested candidates are put forward by Soviet electors and this is determined by the quality of work of the candidate, justly considering that the Soviet Union is engaged in the business of state.

Of the 7,000 candidates being balloted for the local Soviets, in the far eastern area an enormous majority are rank and file workers, collective farmers, Red sailors, border guards, intellectuals and all people who have won the respect and confidence of the population.

Any elector can tell you in a few words the biography of his deputy:

of his work and ability. The previous work of the candidate for the post of deputy is a sort of examination test for political and state maturity without which the people will not select him as their deputy.

Moscow will still be deep in sleep while in Vladivostok and Khabarovsk electors will be dropping their ballot papers into the boxes, as big is the country of the Soviet Union.

But from the Arctic to Kiev, the one man will vote unanimously and as one man for Stalinist work of the Soviets, and in these words everything is stated.

Midwest Finns Show Interest in PeoplesGov't

Federation Leader, Ending Tour, Reports Well Attended Rallies

Returning from a three weeks' tour of the Minnesota-Michigan area, with stopovers at Chicago and Cleveland, the national chairman of the Finnish Workers Federation, Carl Palvio, reports the greatest interest shown by Finnish workers and farmers in the Federation's stand on the Finnish-Soviet conflict, particularly in the formation of the new Terijoki Finnish People's Republic.

Last week the Federation issued a declaration in support of the progressive government.

"Good sized crowds would come to attend the meetings where I spoke," Mr. Palvio said, "in spite of the disruption caused by Finn chauvinists who were spurred on by business interests."

He recalled company-dominated mining towns in Minnesota. The companies threatened to disemploy any workers who disagreed with their implacable anti-Soviet attitude. Company agents and Finn businessmen combined to urge violence against the meetings.

HAVE TRADITION OF 1918

"However, I am glad to state that great number of Finn workers and farmers did not allow themselves to be bulldozed by these people, and attended the meetings. The Finns of this area have memorable traditions from the Finnish Civil War of 1918 and a tradition of economic struggles against the companies in the areas where they have settled. They have always had to fight them on this matter. They stood by and protected the meetings and defeated all attempts to suppress them."

Many Finnish workers and farmers who have not been politically or socially active for years, have become energetic once more because of this tremendous new development in Finland. They are out actively fighting for freedom of the workers of Finland and this country as well.

"Regarding our Midwest daily organ, the 'Tyomies,'" Palvio continued, "it is gaining in circulation at an accelerated rate; subscriptions are flowing in and hand-to-hand reading has jumped we impossibly. This is caused by the fact that our paper is the only Finnish language paper in the entire midwest that speaks the truth."

Germany Protests on Spec Crew Internment

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24 (UP).—Germany's formal protest against internment of the crew of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was delivered to the Foreign Office today.

It was believed that the protest was little more than a formality

since after delivering it the German Ambassador went to the Ministry of Interior to arrange details of internment.

A Letter From England on Wartime Life

Worker Describes Increased Hardships Under Chamberlain's Blackout; Communist Party Gaining Ground Rapidly

Vivid description of the effects of Britain's imperialist war upon the life of the English people is given in a letter received by a reader of the Daily Worker from an English friend.

We print this letter below:

London.

My wife and I have been busy full-time keeping up with each new issue of official regulations. First it was the ARP, and we conscientiously covered up the windows with dark paper shades (I made them myself!) and stuffed up all the crevices with curtains, and nonetheless gotawakened every night by the wardens on our block.

Now that several months have passed with no real air raid, we are no longer troubled. Then came fuel rationing, and we promptly signed up with our coal merchant. Therefore we shall now be permitted to buy up to two tons. After that, the National Register; name, age, sex, and occupation, and a neat little identity card to prove we exist.

The anti-war policy published in the Daily Worker in the first days of October was discussed exhaustively by District Committees, Section Committees, Branches and public meetings throughout the country, and in every case adopted by an overwhelming majority of those present, if not unanimously.

From the New York papers we see (two or three weeks late) you are being told that the whole of England is united behind the

species. Sandbags are beginning to burst and rot.

At least half of the people have stopped carrying their gas masks, and those who continue have all procured substitutes from the original cardboard cases. Barrage balloons are less frequent in the sky than in September: one elderly woman reported to have told her doctor: "The Germans can't scare us, sitting up there in their balloons all day." But Sir Samuel Hoare assures us not to be despondent; our worst fears will yet be realized.

Armistice Day. Tremendous sale of property for Lord Haig's fund for something or other. And the two minute silence at the Cenotaph was broken by a woman screaming: "Hypocrites!"

The most important fact about England today is the strength and force of the anti-war movement. The Communist Party has enunciated a clear and uncompromising program of struggle against what they term another imperialist war.

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These people are for peace, they are clear and articulate, their ranks are increasing daily, and their resolutions are printed nowhere but in the Daily Worker and that means not in the official Labour Party sheet, the Daily Herald.

After several weeks of news papers so full of anti-Soviet materials of one sort or another that

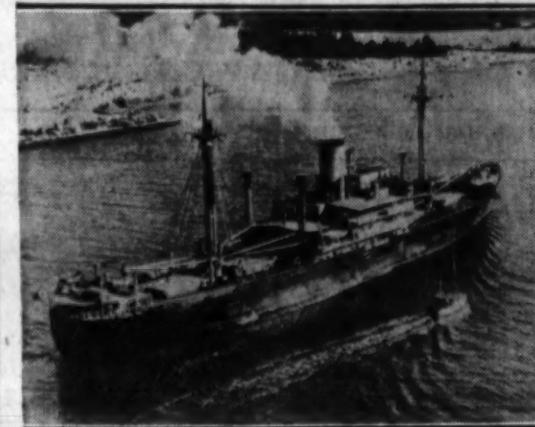
war, except of course for those few followers of Sir Oswald Mosley. And it's quite true that the official organs of the working class movement, the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress have thrown themselves wholeheartedly behind the Chamberlain government.

But it also happens to be true that the Scottish Railwaysmen, the Lanarkshire miners (and there are thousands of both) the Trades Union Council and the local Labour Party organizations of both Glasgow (population 1,200,000) and Edinburgh (about 500,000) together with dozens of other trade union locals, local Labour parties, co-op organizations, delegates conferences all over the country have passed resolutions calling this an imperialist war, demanding an immediate peace and settlement by negotiation, calling on the Trade Union leadership to stop cooperating with the government and start leading the fight for higher wages to meet the increased cost of living, and calling upon the Labour Party to end the political truce.

The practice of billeting the kids on private country houses has turned out fine in several isolated cases.

The working class families who have received evacuees find it impossible properly to feed and take care of them on the government allowance of 8 shillings and sixpence a week (about \$2), while the working class mothers and fathers find it impossible to send extra money for war, winter

Nazi Ship in U. S. Harbor



Here is the German freighter Arauco, top, and the British cruiser which drove it into Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after sending a shot across the bow. U. S. officials were to study possible violation of the American neutrality zone.

Rich Garden Won From Sea in Soviet Union

(By Cable to the Sunday Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Even the ancient Greeks at the heyday of their glory admired the richness of the Colchis lowlands on the Black Sea, in what is now Soviet Georgia.

What would they say if they could see its present transformation? For the socialist system is reclaiming the land from the sea and the swamps by dikes, canals and other modern improvements.

Almost 20,000 acres reclaimed by the Agriculture Commissariat are already growing oranges and other subtropical plants. By 1942 this figure will have risen to about 100,000 acres, and about 500,000 acres will be reclaimed when the project is completed.

Head of Mongolian Gov't Hails Stalin on Birthday

Choibakhan Cites Aid of Soviet Union in the Development of a Happier Life for the Mongolian People

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Pravda today published greetings from the head of the Mongolian People's Republic, Choibakhan, to Stalin on his 60th birthday. The message follows:

"Together with advanced and progressive mankind the significant date of your birth is also celebrated by our Mongolian people, who thanks to your unremitting solicitude and attention have achieved big successes in rising to a higher level and in developing their economy and their culture and also in uprooting their internal and external enemies, in this way strengthening the independent existence of the Mongolian People's Republic.

"Your constant fatherly concern for the Mongolian people inspires and encourages them to newer victories along the path of further revolutionary development in our country. On behalf of the Mongolian people, I wish you, Comrade Stalin, many years of fruitful work toward the well-being and joy of oppressed mankind throughout the world. May you live and prosper for many years to the fear of the enemies of advanced mankind and to the great joy of the working people."

Weigh Mexican Excess Profits Tax

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, D. F., Dec. 24 (UP).—The Mexican Senate began deliberations today on an administration-sponsored excess profits tax bill designed to provide an annual revenue of 20,000,000 pesos.

The measure cleared the Lower House on Thursday and political observers were convinced that it will be approved by the Senate in short order.

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Soviet Uzbekistan Marks 15th Anniversary

Pravda Hails Eastern Republic's History of Progress

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Pravda today hailed the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Uzbek Soviet Republic and the decision of the Soviet Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on steps to extend cotton cultivation in Uzbekistan.

"Fifteen years ago the Uzbek Socialist Republic was formed," Pravda wrote editorially. "This act was one of the greatest significance for the whole East."

"As far back as November, 1919, Lenin, addressing the Communists of Turkistan, wrote that the establishment of the proper relations with the peoples of Turkistan was of such importance for the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic that it could be said without exaggeration that it was of a gigantic world-wide historical nature."

"He stated that for the whole of Asia, and for all the colonies of the world, for the billions, the attitude of the Soviet Workers' and Peasants' Republic towards the weak, previously oppressed peoples would be of practical significance."

"In the period of the establishment of the Uzbek S.S.R. this republic could become a powerful force in the East only in the event that the conditions of the dekhans (peasants) were radically improved and that the small tenants were released from the yoke of the bazaars."

"A new mass popular movement of the collective farms, brigades and collective farm Stakhovitians has developed which is aspiring to attain a cotton harvest of 50-100 and more centners per hectare."

"The decision on the measures of further development of cotton farming in Uzbekistan adopted by the Soviet Government and the C. C. of the C. P. S. U. approved the initiative of the collective farms, the collective farmers and the leading Party and Soviet bodies of the Uzbek S.S.R. — to increase during the coming six years the sown area of irrigated lands to 430,000 hectares, to increase the area under cotton by 100,000 hectares, to increase the average cotton yield throughout the Republic to 26 centners per hectare as compared with 17 centners in 1939 and to increase the cotton yield from 16,000,000 centners to 26,000,000 centners."

"The cotton growers of Uzbekistan won first place in the world in cotton yield. They pick almost three times as much cotton per acre as in America, British India, Brazil or Turkey."

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Germany and Holland Renew Trade Accord

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—Germany and the Netherlands have renewed their 1939 trade clearing agreement and have fixed import and export quotas for the first quarter of 1940, it was announced officially today.

More than 100 arrests were made by the police. An official investigation has been promised.

Youth a Suicide

A young man was found with bullet wound in his brain in a \$10 a day room in the exclusive Waldorf Astoria Hotel yesterday.

Mexico Bank Pulls Phony Bus 'Strike'

C.T.M. Blasts Tieup in Mexico City as Provoked by Fascist Bank; 24 Hurt as Gangsters Terrorize City

(By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Tuesday's "strike" of bus drivers, which for more than three hours completely paralyzed all traffic of this capital and resulted in 24 workers being seriously hurt, was denounced as a political maneuver against the Cardenas Administration by the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) the very next day.

The Transport Bank, a private institution indirectly controlling the Alliance of Autobus Workers, is responsible for the outrages committed during the more than three hour stoppage of traffic, the C. T. M. declared.

At 12 o'clock the principal thoroughfares of the city were blocked with buses and armed gangsters forced bus and streetcar drivers to leave their vehicles, quickly extending the paralysis of all transports, including private cars, to the city suburbs.

While many thousands of office workers were on the streets unable to reach their homes for the lunch period, agents of the Almazan Election Committee, Sharquistas (special brand of Mexican fascist) and elements belonging to the so-called Revolutionary Anti-Communist Party, were busy spreading propaganda against the Cardenas regime.

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The apparent cause of the disturbances was the dissatisfaction of some members of the Alliance with the discussion in Congress of the new Law on General Ways of Communication, with the real reason becoming evident when the agents of fascism and reaction began their propaganda work which had obviously been prepared beforehand, C. T. M. leaders told the Mexican public.

Officially protesting against the use of its name during the general stoppage, the C. T. M. National Committee stated that it had no responsibility whatsoever in the matter.

Responsibility for the stoppage and the accompanying outrages rests upon the Banco de Transportes which is fighting to retain its monopolist control of transportation in this city, C. T. M. representatives in the Chamber of Deputies declared.

Members of the 18th of March, Cooperative Society of Auto Transportation, a cooperative organization of bus drivers supported by the government, was attacked several times yesterday. Most of the 24 wounded men were the results of these clashes.

More

NMU Auxiliary to Bring Xmas to Members in Jail

Prisoners Were Active During Strike—Dinner To Be Served at Union Headquarters for Men Today

The Women's Auxiliary of the National Maritime Union is bringing Christmas to 37 union members in prison. 385 in hospitals, and hundreds who are unemployed. Miss Frances Bryant, Stewardess Organizer and Auxiliary President, announced yesterday. Christmas boxes have been sent to the prisoners and hospitals patients

Miss Bryant said. Turkey dinners are being served to the unemployed today at NMU headquarters, 136 Eleventh avenue.

Each box contains shaving cream, razor blades, tooth brushes, tooth paste, two pairs of socks, two handkerchiefs, apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

The prisoners are men and women (four), arrested at various times during the past four years for union activities, mainly strike activities. They are in prisons up and down the Atlantic and Gulf coast and in California.

The majority of the 37 were arrested at the height of the 1936-37 seamen's strike and the NMU tankers' strike last spring.

Hospital cases to whom boxes were sent are men and women union members in the Staten Island Marine Hospital (260), Ellis Island (77) non-citizens, and Savannah, Georgia, (18).

DINNER TODAY

Today's dinner at union headquarters, Miss Bryant said, will be run on much the same order as the Thanksgiving dinner last month. Service will be buffet style and the entire third floor of the headquarters building has been set aside to accommodate unemployed members.

Stewards and stewardesses from ships in port will serve the dinners. The menu includes turkey, ham, potato salad, cranberry sauce, celery, cider, bread, butter candy and nuts.

Most of the unemployed are men who were thrown out of work when ships tied up as a result of neutrality legislation.

Most of the prisoners are in New Jersey, North and South Carolina, New York and Texas jails. This does not imply greater union or strike activity in those states, union officials point out. It means simply that the police and other authorities are more subservient to the steamship operators in those states.

During the recent tanker strike, for example, seamen and their wives, would be taken from their homes, particularly in Texas, and thrown in jail for no other reason than that they were active in the strike or constantly on the picket line.

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Graf Spee Fire Put Out After Burning a Week

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 24 (UPI)—Fire that blazed aboard the scuttled German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee for a week was extinguished today.

Uruguayan maritime authorities, maintaining a constant vigil on the ship said there were no signs of smoke from the vessel at 7:30 A.M.

The steadily rising waters of the River Plate estuary, and a sudden, strong change of wind apparently extinguished the last small blazes.

The pocket battleship was blown up by its crew last Sunday, after it had been ordered from its sanctuary in Montevideo Harbor, whence it had been chased by three British warships after a battle off the coast.

FDR's Naming Of Steel Magnate Acknowledged

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (UPI)—Pope Pius XII today issued a Christmas appeal.

Before imparting the apostolic blessing to the red-capped Cardinals gathered in the Consistorial Hall with the Archbishops and parish priests of Rome, Pope Pius paused to tell of the news of President Roosevelt's action in naming Myron Taylor (steel magnate) as Ambassador to the Holy See, but without portfolio.



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Realty Barons Fight Rural Home Project

Maryland Landlords Stage Attack on U. S. Housing Plans

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 24 (UPI)—Using the Montgomery County Farm Bureau as a front real estate interests in Montgomery county are waging bitter warfare against the U.S. Housing Authority's first project for rural workers. Basis of their attack is that public housing is "communistic and un-American."

The farm bureau is arranging carefully packed meetings throughout the county to prove that the government housing program is opposed by more than the handful of land sharks who represent the real opposition. Small farmers, heretofore enthusiastic about the plan for decent dwellings for tenants now housed in dilapidated shacks, have been forced by their more powerful neighbors to keep quiet.

At Colesville a speaker made the usual charges about Communism and un-Americanism in the housing project. Up jumped an overalled farmer to demand the floor.

"I want to know why you call it Communistic for the government to build houses when it isn't Communistic for the government to build schools," he asked. There was no answer.

A resolution condemning the housing program was passed at the Colesville meeting. Only one-fourth of the audience voted. The rest refused to participate.

PROFIT IN SHORTAGE

Landlords in Montgomery county have been enriched for years because of a shortage of dwellings. They have extorted handsome rents for houses long ripe for the wrecker's axe.

Even so, the landlords have not been satisfied. They have extended their system of legalized robbery still further. During harvesting season, when laborers are paid about 30 cents an hour, the landlords demand that their tenants work for them as little as \$1 a day. Whatever wages the tenant earns are charged against rent.

The landlord has one club to enforce compliance with the \$1 wage scale. If the tenant doesn't like it, he can get out. And once the tenant is evicted, there is no other place for him to live—thanks to the housing shortage.

In Montgomery county, it will be remembered, the wives of the tenants do their washing on Tuesday. They have to, because it takes all day Monday to haul enough water from the village pump.

But No Peace

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148 Congressmen Pledge To Aid Anti-Lynch Bill

One hundred and forty-eight Congressmen have told the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that they will be on the floor of the House when the federal anti-lynching bill comes up for a vote on Jan. 8.

Replies, which are still coming into the NAACP office, are in response to a letter sent out by the Association to Congressmen, urging them to appear on the floor of the House when the bill comes up and to vote for the bill.

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Attacks on Labor, Civil Rights Increased in 1939, Survey Shows

I.L.D. Makes Survey Of Status of Civil Liberties for 1939

Cites Cases of Civil and Labor Case Victories, in Supreme and Lower Courts; Points to Adverse Rulings for Year

The International Labor Defense presents below the first of a series of surveys of facts and issues in the field of civil, labor, and democratic rights in the United States for 1939. The Survey of the Year in Civil Rights which will be contained in this series will offer the most complete statistical and other information available in this field.

IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS OF 1939

A survey by the International Labor Defense of decisions affecting civil and labor rights by the United States Supreme Court, federal district courts, and state supreme courts, in 1939 shows a balance sheet of:

Seven favorable U. S. Supreme Court decisions are against one in the *Fansteel case*, unfavorable to a progressive interpretation of constitutional provisions.

One favorable decision by a state supreme court as against one unfavorable. Both decisions involved labor injunctions.

Three favorable decisions of federal courts other than the Supreme Court.

The review covers only those decisions which set, establish, or affirm important precedents in the interpretation of the Bill of Rights. Decisions in cases still before the courts by way of appeal or in further proceedings, and therefore not finally adjudicated, are not included, nor are those which, though definitely involving civil rights, were based on technical rather than constitutional points.

Numerous cases involving further basic issues, such as the right to picket, the rights of Negroes, the rights of a Communist to naturalization, and the wide variety of issues involved in the *Bridges case*, are still pending before the courts, and expected to reach final adjudication in 1940.

The decisions included in the survey are:

FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS, AND ASSEMBLY

June 5, the United States Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a Jersey City, N. J., ordinance restricting the right to meet in public places and leaving discretion in police officials to refuse permits for public meetings.

Nov. 22, United States Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional (in consolidated opinion on four cases):

1. Ordinances in Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin restricting the right to distribution of non-commercial leaflets, especially as based on allegations that streets were littered as a result of such distribution—which the court held was incidental and no basis on which to restrict constitutional rights.

2. An ordinance in Irvington, N. J., requiring permits for house-to-house non-commercial canvassing.

(The International Labor Defense took the Los Angeles case to the Supreme Court.)

RIGHTS OF LABOR

Feb. 7, the Supreme Court of Iowa set aside an injunction which forbade secondary boycott. (Local 405, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.)

Feb. 18, the Supreme Court of Tennessee granted a permanent injunction against a union picketing for the closed shop. (Local 452, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America.)

Feb. 27, in the *Fansteel Case*, the United States Supreme Court set aside an order of the National Labor Relations Board insofar as it applied to reinstatement of sitdown strikers, reinstatement of workers who helped the sitdown strikers, and on this basis also set aside the Board's order to the *Fansteel Company* to bargain with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

RIGHTS OF NEGROES

Feb. 27, United States Supreme Court granted a new trial to Hugh Pierre, a Negro sentenced to death in New Orleans on charge of murdering a white man. Grounds for reversal followed the precedent set in the *Scotoba case* and were based on systematic exclusion of Negroes from grand and petit juries.

On May 22, the United States Supreme Court held the *Hank Strobel*, general secretary of the Associated Farmers, and Wilcoxon arrogantly took seats at the press table.

PRESS CROWDED

Already crowded reporters, practically sitting in each other's laps, objected, showed the sign reading: "Members of the Daily Press Only."

Finally, Attorney Henry Fowler, chief counsel of the committee, had to leave his seat on the bench beside Senator LaFollette, go down to the press table and force the men to leave.

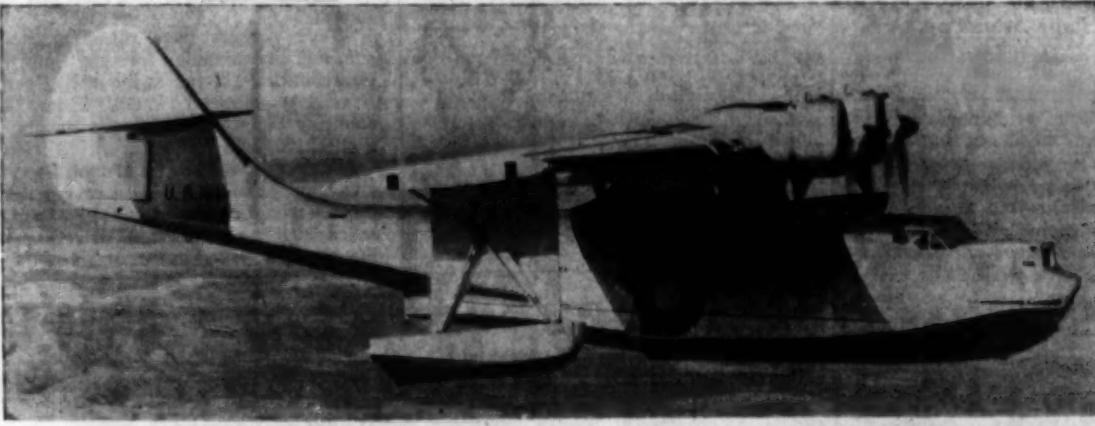
WILCOXON BARKS

Deputy Sheriff Wilcoxon called. A short, burly man, he addressed the committee in a contemptuous half-shout. He launched his testimony by accusing Marvin of being a "wife stealer."

"As far as hitting him, I did," said Wilcoxon. "He was resisting arrest."

Senator La Follette asked about the 60-year-old Hamilton. Had Deputy Sheriff Wilcoxon slugged him?

World's Biggest Amphibian on Flight



THE WORLD'S LARGEST AMPHIBIAN PLANE MAKES ITS DEBUT: The United States Navy's newest patrol bomber, which has a tricycle landing gear with a single wheel forward and two aft, all retractable, designed for rough water landings or taxiing in an adverse wind, as it was photographed during a test flight over the Naval Base at San Diego, Calif.

Labor Paper In Cleveland Criticizes FDR

Says He Acts for Wall St. in Drive on Wagner Act

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Charging the Roosevelt Administration with deliberately seeking to scuttle the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Cleveland Union Leader, which is endorsed by the Cleveland Industrial Council, declares editorially that Roosevelt is "carrying out the instructions of Wall Street."

Nov. 30, United States District Court of Pennsylvania ruled unconstitutional a Pennsylvania statute requiring annual registration of aliens in the state. The court ruled only on the constitutionality of such a law as passed by a state.

PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION

Dec. 11, the United States Supreme Court reversed criminal convictions because they had been obtained on the basis of evidence secured by following leads obtained by tapping wires. There was some question whether the decision might be applied to intra state as well as interstate cases, which will be determined by further court proceedings as these may arise.

Illinois Hungry To March on City Council

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Illinois' specter of starving families will march into Chicago's City Council chamber on the first Saturday afternoon of January.

Then it is that the Illinois Relief Conference, sponsored by 140 leading publicists, trade unionists and social workers of the Windy City, will be convened.

The council chambers have been thrown open to the conference, which will throw down the gauntlet to Governor Henry Horner's continued indifference to the cry of the starving jobless of the state.

"Act to end hunger and suffering in Illinois!" is the slogan under which the conference will meet.

"Illinois relief facts," which caused the calling of the emergency conference, are set forth in the call.

Spain Vets Meet Here, Ask Aid for Prisoners

12,000 Still Remain in French Concentration Camps; Convention Assails Imperialist War and Mannerheim Clique

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under military control, guarded by bayonets."

Chronic hunger grips Gallo and his comrades. They suffer from colic, gripe, boils and other diseases.

URIBE SPEAKS

Vicente Uribe, Minister of Agriculture in the Negrín cabinet and member of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Communist Party, paid highest tribute to the International Brigade, and the American veterans

Practically every one of the 25,000 fake daily newspapers operated by and for the greater glory of Wall Street united their forces in a campaign to wreck labor's Magna Charta, the National Labor Relations Act. Their method of wrecking the act was that of "amendment." But the American people arose with such a mighty voice against this campaign that the act remained intact.

Then the Roosevelt administration, which, in more liberal days, had carried out the mandate of the American people by fighting for the principles of the New Deal, stepped into the ring, with J. P. Morgan as manager. The Roosevelt administration set out to wreck the National Labor Relations Act by maladministration of that act in favor of employers.

To carry out this campaign, Roosevelt appointed William Leissner to the National Labor Relations Board.

Leissner produced. His rulings and his dissenting opinions have already carried out pretty much of the wrecking campaign.

These sharp and dangerous facts were brought to light by James Carey, secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organization, in a recent brief presented to the U. S. Senate Committee on Labor and Education.

"Our eyes are fully open to the dangers implicit in the situation. The act represented to will of the people of the United States . . . toward more complete democracy, industrial as well as political," he said.

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Some were discovered," he said, "and properly taken care of under our laws as they should be."

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He named Bates as one of these enemy slanders and renegades.

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Relief Crisis Hits Farm Area In No. Carolina

WPA Slashes, Low Prices and Crop Control Ruin Thousands of Farmers

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 24 (CNA)—

Crop control, low prices for tobacco and reduction of the WPA rolls, have brought about a serious relief crisis in the agricultural regions of North Carolina. Thousands of tenant farmers are being forced off the land by acreage reduction. Small farmers face the loss of their farms as the prices received for tobacco this year will not enable them to meet their obligations to banks and supply houses.

North is GUEST

At the convention itself, which ended yesterday noon, Fred Keller, Ebro hero, told the veterans in the name of the membership committee that they must function politically against the war-makers and the labor-baiters in the coming year. As organized veterans they must lead in the people's fight.

Joseph North, Daily Worker reporter in Spain, who now edits the New Masses, spoke earlier as an honored guest.

Captain Carl Bradley, of Baltimore, a veterans' leader; John Lister of Wauwatosa, Wis., crack first aid man in Spain; Frank Lister and Henry Mequier, were other speakers.

Milton Wolff, popular and respected soldiers' leader in Spain, was a unanimously elected Commander of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Other new officers include:

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Five stoopigones named during the day as operating in the CIO circles in Marysville were one Jim Nelson and Ed Winton or Wimpie.

The latter was named by Chief of Police Dorrell La Fortune of Marysville. Nelson was named by Sheriff Ulrich of Sutter County.

When La Fortune was called to the stand, he told of arresting 11 men in the Marysville CIO hall on July 23 for conspiracy to violate the county anti-picketing ordinance.

Later the men were released.

When Senator LaFollette questioned La Fortune about the case, the police chief admitted he had arrested the men on a "complaint."

When Senator LaFollette tried to pin him down as to who made the complaint, La Fortune refused to answer on constitutional grounds.

A five-minute recess was called to enable the police chief to confer with his attorney. When they returned, LaFollette demanded that La Fortune name his informant, which the latter did.

In the case of the informer Nelson, documents introduced into the record showed that Sutter County had paid his CIO initiation fee and dues.

Drive Against British, French Labor Shown

The "Week" Reveals Plot of Chamberlain-Daladier War Machines to Smash the Trade Union Movement

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eral public, the members of the General Council are certainly perfectly aware of what is happening. The Week declared further that the French government representatives demanded that "the British industrial machine must be placed, as soon as possible, on the same political level as that of the French—or, for that matter, the German and Italian, with the Trade Union leadership, approximating its functions (as in France) much more closely to those of the German Labor Front and, above all, resisting vigorously all attempts to raise wages."

Housepainter In Christmas Suicide

Leaving 86 cents and a small bundle of pawn tickets among his effects, Charles Fork, 48, unemployed house-painter, was found dead from gas early yesterday in his furnished room at 403 Dean St., Brooklyn. Police said it was a suicide.

Need Something?



Just Look in the "Worker" Want-Ads

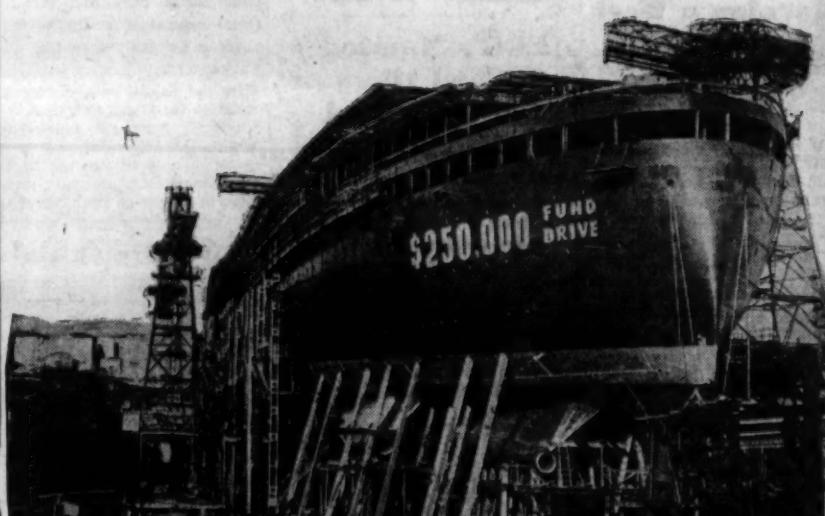
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White Workers Oppose Southern Textile Co.'s Firing Negroes

Mill Owners Attempt To Divide Employees, NAACP in Protest

Practice of Discharges Increasing as Southern Firms Have to Pay Hourly Rate Under Fair Labor Standards Act

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 24.—Many white workers, demonstrating their increasing understanding of the need for Negro and white solidarity, have been opposing Southern textile mill owners firing of Negro employees and replacing them with white workers.

The practice of the owners, discriminating against Negro workers, has been increasing recently as the mill barons have had to meet the higher minimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which calls for 32½ cents hourly.

The firings are an open attempt to create friction among Negro and white employees.

This was the view expressed by officials of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who have filed a complaint in Washington with Col. Philip Fleming, administrator of the Act. The complaint, which is directed against the Erwin Cotton Mills of Durham, and filed through the national office of the NAACP in New York includes the affidavits of two Negro women workers at the textile mill, who stated that they were fired from the \$10-per-week jobs as cleaners Oct. 13, shortly after the wage increases for textile workers went into effect and their places taken by white workers.

The affidavits also state that all the Negro cleaners in the mill were fired except one, "who works there still cleaning spittoons and toilets."

That some of the white employees do not approve of the action taken by the mill owners is indicated by a statement made in the affidavits that these employees have expressed a willingness to "furnish any information they were able" whenever the investigation takes place.

In his letter to Col. Fleming requesting an investigation, Walter White, executive secretary of the Association said:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requests that an investigation of these cases be ordered by you to the end that not only these individuals may be protected from the present injustice which has been meted out to them but that this treatment may be stopped by decisive action by the Wage and Hour division."

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Texas Quads Meet Santa



TEXAS QUADRUPLETS MEET SANTA CLAUS FOR THE FIRST TIME: The Blodgett children of Galveston; Geraldine, Jeanette, Joan and Joyce (left to right), receive a visit from Santa, in the person of H. L. Block. The youngsters, who now are eleven months old, each have two teeth. Joan is the heaviest, weighing twenty-one pounds.

Writers Denounce Scuttling of Project

54 Out of 84 Writers Discharged Just Before Christmas—Work on Valuable Projects Halted by Reactionary Firings

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The American Writers Union today denounced Southern California WPA Administrator Herbert C. Legg as "Santa Claus turned head-hunter" for firing 54 of a total personnel of 84 on the WPA writers project just before Christmas. The discharged writers learned of their dismissal in a small item in a local newspaper just a few hours before they were abruptly fired by WPA without notice.

Announcement of the action taken by the Department of Justice was made today by the N.A.A.C.P. following receipt of a reply to a telegram sent to Attorney General Frank Murphy urging the Justice Department to investigate the case as a violation of civil liberties.

"We are warning other unions that this drastic policy is a maneuver in accord with the anti-labor Congress which destroyed Federal Theater, and harmonizes with an administration which now favors more millions for armaments at the expense of the cultural and economic needs of the people," stated Ramon Welch, writers' president.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The union is asking support of all missile groups in their appeal for reinstatement of the writers project, pointing out that unless it is restored, the public will be deprived of work," stated the union.

The dismissed workers are demanding transfer to other projects pending the fight for a local sponsor, and point out that the SRA can provide this amount and still spend less than it would to maintain the writers on direct relief budgets.

The American Writers Union also accused Paul Shobe, coordinator of the arts projects for WPA, Linton Smith and other WPA officials of taking sudden action in the dismissals in order to forestall efforts of Writers Project supervisors to obtain a local sponsor.

Couple Burned to Death In Car; on Xmas Holiday

FARLEY, Mass., Dec. 24 (UPI)—A Willamtown couple enroute to Somerville for Christmas were burned to death under mysterious circumstances in their automobile.

A milkman discovered the flaming automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Williams but was unable to rescue them because of the intense heat. He summoned firemen but by the time they arrived on the car, parked by the roadside, was a skeletal mass of twisted steel and the bodies cremated.

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"Give me money, give me anything," muttered the would-be robber, William Antonacion, 25.

Jackson obligingly handed the man the first thing he could reach—a package of assorted lolly-pops. Antonacion carefully placed his toy gun on the counter and began to ramble the confection.

He was still sampling when police arrived and arrested him.

Hathaway to Speak Wed. In Brooklyn

Role of Communists in World Situation His Subject

A report by Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker on "The International Situation and the Role of the Communists" will feature the open general membership meeting called by the Communist Party of the Second Assembly District in Brooklyn.

The meeting, which will mark the end of another year of activity by this section of the Party will be held in the Community Center at 2300 Coney Island Avenue, Wednesday evening, December 26.

A report by the Assembly District chairmen and presentation of awards for excellence in work will be among the highlights of the program. Residents of Brighton Beach, Flatbush and surrounding communities have been invited to attend.

Toy Gun Nets Robber Lollipops and Jail

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Finns in U. S. Support New People's Gov't

Greetings to Republic Pour in from Every Part of America

The new Finnish People's Republic is winning mounting support among the Finnish people of this country.

Greetings continue to be wired from points all over the country to the Terijoki government.

Last Sunday in the upstate farming community of Van Etten, the following greetings were sent from a meeting held by the Finnish Workers Federation branch there: "We send our most heartfelt greetings and sympathy to you in your struggle for the freedom of the toiling people of Finland from the yoke of the Finnish ruling class and big imperialist powers."

In a similar upstate farmers' gathering at Thumansburg, the new Republic was hailed for "having freed the working-class people from the control of the White Guard butcher-class."

From Marengo, Wisconsin, in the area where Finns are more heavily concentrated, comes this unanimously adopted greeting from a mass meeting of Finn farmers: "Accept our hearty greetings and sympathy for your struggle to free the Finnish people from the oppression of large land-owners, timber-barons, White Guard generals and the big imperialist powers of Europe."

The Finnish Workers Federation, one of the largest national Finnish organizations in this country, is running off 20,000 leaflets on the program of the new People's Republic to satisfy the tremendous interest shown by Finns, with a nation-wide distribution.

Meanwhile, the New York offices of the Federation continues to be the object of endless telephone calls and written requests for speakers to give the working-class angle on the Finnish-Soviet conflict.

Charlie Picked for Bowl Fete



Queen Margaret Huntley seems to hold more interest for Charlie McCarthy than the badge designating him as grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses pageant at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's Day. Edgar Bergen, the wooden dummy's radio papa, is at right.

Bulgarian Trade Group Leaves for Moscow

SOFIA, Dec. 24 (UPI).—A Bulgarian trade delegation left Sofia for Moscow today. The group will travel via Bucharest, Rumania.

Die in Fire

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (UPI).—Mrs. Margaret Ferry, 63, died today of burns suffered when flames swept her Allston home.

Killed by Fall

Hugh Brady, 23, 783 Southern Blvd., the Bronx, died at Lincoln Hospital yesterday an hour after he fell or jumped from the roof of a six-story building at 810 Dawson St., the Bronx.

Hitler at Western Front

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UPI).—Adolf Hitler is at the Western Front spending the holidays, it was announced officially today.

Does Your Insurance Policy Protect You?

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FORTUNE, May 1931

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DOROTHY JONES, Age 18

"I'm in a Youth Division. After a day's work I can look forward to some interesting activity such as sports or dramatics. I carry \$250 insurance and \$6 a week sick benefit."

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DAVE JONES, Jr., Age 12

"I'm in the Junior Section. I take part in sports, play in a band and do other things. I also have insurance like sis." (Junior has a \$250 policy.)

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the city every day, from the groves of California, Florida and Texas. Florida oranges are averaging over fifty carloads daily. California Valencia receipts however, are dwindling fast as their season nears its close, but to compensate for this, the supply of the California navelines is rapidly increasing, and already surpassing the Valencia variety.

Tangerines are beginning to flood the market and will reach their peak in time for the Christmas holidays. Their quality is steadily improving.

Lemons continue to arrive from California in adequate supply. Liberal shipments of grapefruit are coming in from Florida. Texas too, is contributing with small consignments.

A very large crop is anticipated this year, although it will not be quite as large as the record yield of last season.

The quality of the grapefruit being cultivated today is infinitely superior to that of the first grapefruit introduced in New York in the latter part of the 19th century. At that time, the fruit was thick-skinned, very bitter and extremely seedy. Since then, as a result of constant experimentation by growers and scientists, a sweeter, juicier, and more tender variety is produced.

with brownish discolorations, have a better flavor than the fruits that are evenly yellow. According to the experts, this is just an idle food rumor, without any foundation. They say that the discolored appearance of the outside skin does not affect the quality or flavor of the fruit. But if there is even one small spot of decay, it will give an off-flavor throughout all the sections.

For emergencies, or quick, economical service, grapefruit is unexcelled, as it requires little, or no preparation, and it combines well with all foods.

However, good values are not confined to the citrus group. Apples are abundant, with many varieties at bargain figures. Winter pears too, command your attention at their present levels. Other good suggestions include grapes, pomegranates and persimmons.

More for Your Money Tomato paste costs about the same as the little cans of Spanish sauce, and you get about three times as much tomato for your money, without the high spicing. The paste is a thick, smooth concentrate of tomatoes, with no flavoring besides salt and a little "basilico" hat gentle herb. One can will give hearty tomato flavoring to a big pot of macaroni, meat or chowder.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1939

Merry Christmas!

The Daily Worker wishes all its readers, supporters and friends a Merry Christmas!

The overwhelming desire for "peace and good will to men" was never so sharp and deep in the breast of the American people, as today. Yet the forces of imperialism and oppression have lit the torch of war and our own reactionaries—symbolized in Wall Street—are trying ever harder to drag us into it.

Peace and good will for the American people can come only through a struggle against the war makers, a fight for jobs for 11 million unemployed Americans, the maintenance of the Bill of Rights, and through an unyielding defense of the living standards of labor and the people.

We are proud of the fight we are making on these issues. We know that the efforts of the war-mongers to suppress our voice—is only because we speak for the peace and liberty which are uppermost in the minds and hearts of Americans this Christmas day. But we realize that it has been the support of our readers and friends which have made our contributions possible, and which give confidence for the future. To them we extend our heartiest thanks and greetings, and our best wishes for a joyous Christmas season.

The Dance of Life

"GIRL WHO DANCED WITH WINDSOR WEDS KERENSKY," says the illuminating headline over a story telling of the betrothal of Alexander Kerensky, provisional premier of the provisional government that the Russian people tolerated for a few months in 1917.

The compatibility of the couple is uncontested. The bride danced with a crown that lasted for a few months. The groom also danced with fleeting glory.

Dies' Idea of Christmas

The Christmas greeting of the war-monger Rep. Dies to the American people is in line with all his reactionary attacks upon civil liberties. He has just called for the deportation of 7,000,000 foreign-born Americans.

This is one of the most blatant and dangerous utterances of Dies in his long list of unashamed attacks on civil liberties, and is not to be taken lightly. For behind Dies' threat against the 7,000,000 persons he would deport there lies a grim vicious purpose: another assault against the trade unions and those organizations, increasing in number, which oppose America's entry into the imperialist war.

Dies is getting feverish assistance in his attack on the non-citizens from the Roosevelt administration, especially through the reactionary "foreign agent" campaign of the Department of Justice, under Attorney General Murphy. All this talk about "investigating Communist activities" in Detroit and in the auto industry, with the direct sanction and blessing of Murphy, ties in neatly with the whole pattern of savage onslaughts against the trade unions and the American people generally.

Dies' alien-baiting is a grave menace to the civil liberties of all Americans. His latest blast is, without doubt, timed for the opening of the 1940 Congress when more than 60 so-called "anti-alien" bills come up for passage. Already three of the most vicious of these measures got by the House in the last Congress. (In this connection, the forthcoming conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born to be held in Washington in March, should get the support of the entire American people.)

One of the primary and imperative tasks facing the American people which the January Congress must be made to recognize and act upon: that the American people want no part of the imperialist war. Arising from this major task, is the necessity to end the anti-American Dies Committee, to prevent its subsidiary wing, the Department of Justice, from going ahead with its underhanded attacks on labor and its "foreign agent" attacks against the Bill of Rights.

The accomplishing of this job falls in the main on that mass bulwark against war, the trade unions of the nation. But it is the American duty of everyone, of the people from all walks of life to get into the fight against the poisonous anti-alien bills if the peace and security of the people are to be protected in 1940.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

"Let Those Who Defend Capitalism Apologize!"

Editor, Daily Worker:
Brooklyn, N. Y.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of some Communists and their friends to be on the defensive. This arises out of the difficulty in explaining the foreign policy of the Soviet Union and because of the barrage of slanders and lies which the kept bourgeois press and the Social-Democratic traitors to the working class are hurling at the Soviet Union and the Communist Party. It is, of course, necessary to explain patiently the position of the Communist Party but it is not necessary to be on the defensive.

We who defend Socialism in the Soviet Union and who advocate Socialism throughout the world need not be apologetic for our stand. A thousand times no. Let those who defend capitalism apologize for ten million unemployed in this country. Let the pen-peddles, Walter Lippmann and Isaac Don Levine, apologize for the misery and suffering which capitalism's last war brought and which the present war threatens to bring. It is their job to defend the one dollar a day wage scale of the South and the inhuman treatment given to the Negro people. Let the bourgeois professors and their "brilliant" economists try to explain away the depressions and the unemployment which capitalism brings. Maybe they can explain why people in Cleveland and Toledo, as well as in other parts of the country, have nothing to eat.

No, they cannot satisfactorily explain this, and because they cannot, and because they feel that their miserable class is being shaken at its foundations, they resort to hysterical lies and shrieking slanders. The fight of the capitalists is a losing one because the cause of the workers is becoming increasingly stronger.

The victory of the proletariat is inevitable, because the workers will not defend the class system which the capitalists are trying hard to preserve.

E. N. Y. BANCH, Y. C. L.

Reader Draws a Historic Parallel Based on Engels' Writings

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The hysterical attempts of the government to suppress the Communist Party, by the sniping off of its leaders, because the government simply cannot bear to be exposed to the people as a war-mongering abettor of big Wall Street monopoly and foreign fascism, reminds us of what Engels wrote in 1893 in regard to a new bill in Germany to suppress "subversive activities."

Engels refers to a historical episode about a "dangerous revolutionary party" (the Christians) in the Roman Empire, who, as the Romans of the time proclaimed, "undermined religion and all the foundations of the state; even denied that the will of Caesar was the highest law. This 'revolutionary' party was international, it had no fatherland; it spread the 'dangerous' doctrine of the brotherhood of man throughout the Empire from Gaul to Asia and even over the frontiers of the Empire." It entered the army, too, and whole legions were converted to Christianity. The authorities produced no effect by the usual drill-sergeant methods, and even the special decree, which the Emperor Diocletian passed, was useless. Indeed, seventeen years after the great persecution of 303 A. D. this "revolutionary" party instead of being liquidated had grown so strong that the Roman army was chiefly composed of its members, the Christians.

The Federal Administration, with its FBI, Department of Justice and its Dies Committee, is urged on like political bloodhounds by Wall Street high finance capital. The profiteering, war-mongering vampires of Wall Street, who suck the life-blood of the American people cannot bear to see their war aims exposed.

This is the reason why they hysterically demand of their willing servant, the government, to have the voice of the Communist Party, which cries: "Save America From War," silenced at all costs, even if it means tearing up the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

These are those same gentlemen who every now and again force loyal Americans on WPA and in the schools to take "oaths of loyalty" so that they, the predatory interests, may have full play to exercise their disloyalty to attack such American institutions, the most sacred of all, the Bill of Rights. M. C.

Thoughts of Soldier Behind Maginot Line—

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In all the news about the war, I haven't seen a single article in the press dealing with the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of the men in the trenches, of rank and file soldiers whether they be stationed along the Maginot or Siegfried Lines. Of course there have been a couple of phony articles on "morale" in the bourgeois press. But that amounted to so much routine, pre-war drive.

The following is an imaginary letter from a soldier stationed on the Maginot Line.

"Well, here I am just a pill in a pillbox on the Maginot Line. It's so quiet here you can hear a bomb drop. Occasionally the silence is broken by artillery fire, desultory—scattered. Overhead the dreary drone of reconnaissance planes making the rounds also break in on a guy's thoughts. And these is lots of time to think. When a soldier isn't fighting there is room for other considerations. There are a million thoughts ganging up on each other.

"Last week we had wine and famous cabaret entertainers from London held forth. Couple of new love lyrics make a guy sentimental.

"Reminded that last Christmas I had a party at home with Cecile and the kid. The kid started to bawl. I sang 'God Save the King' and the kid slept like a log. Seems like a long time and a lot of water has passed under the London Bridge.

"The kid is in the country now and Cecile is in London. What with the blackouts and all, and me fighting for God, country and Smugly Ryds, I wonder what is going to happen to them.

"I really shouldn't worry. They have the cutest gas masks, some of them even designed for evening wear, and the air-raid drills are carried out with scientific precision. Though I hear the same thing applies to the Maginot Line.

"We all walk around with poker faces, saying, Yes Sir! and No Sir! Yes Sir! No Sir!

"Reports go out: All quiet in this sector. No activity on the Maginot Line.

"But there is a big thought inside of me. Maybe inside of other Tommies and Frenchmen and Germans and Poles.

"Maybe we'll all meet some day and shake hands with a Red Army Man. Ask him how he did it in 1917. Maybe we can send Chamberlain with his umbrella and Hitler with his moustache to the cleaners, and the war and get together in the building of a New World." A. N.



Old Soviet Workers Tell of Struggle Against Czar With Stalin in Batum

We continue today a series of reminiscences by old Soviet workers on the activity of Stalin as a young revolutionary.

"The Sun Will Shine For Us"

By P. G. Kuridze

The working conditions of the workers in the Batum oil plants were very hard. We used to work 15 to 16 hours a day, received no pay for enforced stoppages, our wages were very low, and a severe system of fines operated.

In the autumn of 1901, one of our

for most revolutionary minded workers, Kotia Kandalaki, told me that a Party worker had arrived from Tiflis—a propagandist, who wanted to have a talk with me.

Said Kandalaki to me: "Get the most reliable of the lads together and fix up a meeting in your house."

I talked it over with the comrades and at the appointed time about 30 workers gathered together in a little house which was situated in a solitary and distant part of the city.

That is how we spent our time until dawn. When the rose-colored rays of the dawn came through the windows, Stalin raised his glass and said:

"Well, the dawn is here! Soon the sun will rise. This sun will shine for us."

That night the Batum Social-Democratic organization was formed. A leading Party group, headed by Stalin, was also appointed then.

It was Comrade Stalin, Soso Jugashvili.

We were introduced, and after a few general phrases a lively discussion developed. His speeches aroused my admiration. At last we understood wherein lay the secret of exploitation, and what was most important, we learned that the emancipation of the proletariat is the job of the workers themselves.

"We must make the wide masses of the working people acquainted with our work, open their eyes, organize the workers for the struggle against Tsarism," he always used to say when the conversation turned on the printing press.

As a result of Comrade Stalin's efforts a printing press was got together. It was set up in the room where Stalin lived. We had the paper with which to print the leaflets. We could always get the paper in any quantity—providing the money was there.

At that time Social-Democratic circles, led by Comrade Stalin, functioned energetically in the majority of the enterprises in Batum. Political demonstrations began to take place, the biggest demonstrations of the Batum workers—that took place on March 9, 1902—was fired on by Tsarist troops, and afterwards several hundred workers who took part in it were deported from Batum.

"Political study-circles need to be established. Organize a few small circles, and I will conduct them."

We joyfully accepted the proposal. In a short space of time eleven circles were established.

Never will I forget those days and weeks of close contact with Soso Jugashvili, our ardent and wise teacher. The lessons took place in illegal circumstances. Comrade Stalin attached enormous importance to the methods employed in conducting illegal work. If he came anywhere in an overcoat, he would not fail to change this for something else when he left. He sometimes managed to conduct two circles in one day, was prompt, was never late, and highly valued his own time and ours. We took to Soso

and became very much attached to him. His ineffable way of treating people—his charming simplicity, attentiveness, ability to listen and to understand a person from his very first word—won our hearts, while his wit, courage and boldness filled us with determination to go with him into the struggle and to fight until victory.

A month passed by. On the eve of the New Year, Comrade Stalin gathered all the circuit monitors together and suggested that they organize a comradely New Years party. The proposal was received with joy.

On New Year's eve we gathered together at the house of one of the comrades.

Stalin's jokes caused roars of laughter. Everybody was in splendid spirits. Our talk passed on imperceptibly to political themes, and here again Stalin's voice rang out amid the silence that fell on us all.

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At that time Comrade Stalin came to my house. We had no idea where he had been and what he had done in the meantime. It would have been useless to ask him about it, because he was a great believer in the need to conduct illegal work properly.

It will be a long time before I forget that night . . . a narrow

Questions and Answers



CHANGE THE WORLD



9-Year-Old Virginia
Asks If There Really
Is a Santa Claus

By MIKE GOLD

(Reprinted by request)

A LITTLE girl has written me as follows:

"Dear Mike:

My teacher read us a little piece the other day in reference to Santa Claus. It seems that some thirty years ago another little girl wrote a letter to the New York Sun. She said that someone had just told her there was no Santa Claus, and she felt bad about it. Was it true? So the editor of the Sun answered her and told her not to worry. There was a Santa Claus, he said. He wrote this in very pretty language and our teacher says it is now a famous editorial. She read it to us, but I failed to find it convincing. I doubt whether there is a Santa Claus, even if the New York Sun says so. Does this make me a terrible un-American cynic, or what? Sincerely yours, Virginia Papineau Lincoln (only nine years old.)"

Well, Virginia, your instincts are correct, and you are right in following them. The New York Sun does not always tell the truth and, in fact, has published stories about Earl Browder, for example, that are just as misleading as its yarn about Santa Claus.

There is no real flesh-and-blood Santa Claus, any more than there are chimneys in New York and other cities for him to pop out of. It is just a story, a fable, a myth, like the tales about Red Riding Hood and Snow White. But you enjoy those stories, don't you, without believing them to be the whole truth? Well, you can also enjoy the story of Santa Claus in the same manner.

It is one of those beautiful stories that come out of the hearts of the people. Santa Claus, with his long, grandfatherly beard, rosy cheeks and love of all children, is a reflection of the mind of the people. They are generous; they have no hate; they want to help one another and give one another presents. Humanity is good, and its holidays are a proof of it. Christmas is the holiday when the great impulse of human solidarity goes unchecked for a short while. All the horrible conflicts brought into the world by money and snobism and pathologically ambitious individuals are temporarily forgotten and the people are their true selves. When they finally organize and kick out their exploiters every day will be Christmas and Santa Claus will be the ruler of the world.

That would be a fine thing, Virginia, wouldn't it? So we mustn't deny the reality of Santa Claus, for he really is one of the many incarnations of man's desire for a world of peace, brotherhood and rejoicing.

I believe that the hold that Jesus has had on the human mind for so many centuries comes from the same sources. Jesus was a man of the people, a poor Jewish carpenter who was born in a manger. And Mary, the mother of Jesus, had to flee from the vigilantes and Ku Kluxers of the time.

There was no room for her anywhere, not even at a public inn. And in her deep weariness, she and Joseph, her husband, found a stable where only a quiet donkey and a cow or two mused over their hay. And there the child was born.

It is a touching and eternal story, this story of persecution, and what makes it significant is that the child thus born of a Jewish working-class mother proved to be a genius who preached a message of human brotherhood that has not yet lost its vitality for the heart of man.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and there is a Jesus, but only those who truly believe in brotherhood can understand them. The New York Sun and the rich people it speaks for pay only lip-service to Christians. They would throw every unemployed person and his children on the streets, Christmas or no Christmas, at the same moment penning false sentimental tributes to the Christ-child and our kind grandfather Santa Claus.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Mike:

I have just read in the Sunday Worker the moving and inspiring story of Dr. Norman Bethune, who died in China in the line of duty. I know of no more glorious saga in all the annals of the long fight for human liberation; and one day we'll name a people's factory or collective farm for this courageous battler in the field of medicine. His true spirit is revealed in the fact that he insisted the world know him as a Communist should he lose his life overseas.

I think we should do something to perpetuate the memory of a comrade of his calibre. It isn't enough to praise his quiet courage, praiseworthy as that most certainly is; in these days of the people's fight on all fronts, we must learn to inspire others by the lives and deaths of those of our comrades who distinguish themselves in one way or another.

What more practical way to carry on the torch that has dropped from Comrade Bethune's hand than to collect the money he was coming back to America to gather when death overcame him? Why not organize the Doctor Norman Bethune Medical Fund for China? Then we could send back to the heroic Chinese people the medical units and the trained doctors and nurses Doctor Bethune saw was so urgently necessary if the fight for freedom there is to be won.

Yes, it is only among the people and in the people's battle for independence and economic emancipation that the real heroes arise. The profit-takers make heroes out of stuffed shirts and gory militarists, but the false reputation of these people belches forth out of ten thousand printing presses, soon passes, and the people see them for what they are. It is the quiet, unassuming heroism of the sons and daughters of the working class, who labor patiently and often unnoticed in their appointed places of duty, that endures and shines unto the co-operative world. Let us cherish and perpetuate the memories of a few of them.

Comradely yours,

ALAN A. MILLER.

Notables in Theatre, Arts and Letters, to Attend New Year's Hop

Spring set on the center of the huge Royal Windsor dance floor.

The least expensive dance in town, is the way New Masses describes their New Year's Eve Hop.

Tickets are 75c in advance, 90c at the door. Tickets are on sale at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., the Progressive Bookshop, 133 W. 44th St., the New York State office of the YCL, 822 Broadway and at the editorial offices of New Masses, 461 Fourth Ave., corner 31st St., New York City.

Film Notes

"S. O. S. Mediterranean," the French film which was awarded the Grand Prix du Cinema Francais for 1938, will have its American premiere at the Cannes on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31), when it will replace the current "The Golden Key." The picture stars Pierre Fresnay and was directed by Leo Joannin.

Although produced with the full cooperation of the French Government authorities, it was later banned in France on the grounds that it interfered with the prosecution of the war.

French naval seaplanes, a destroyer, a luxury liner, and a tanker were provided by the Government. The Mediterranean, from the African port of Tangier to the French coastal port of Toulon served as "location."

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Red Square Spectacle

Film Document Expose Lies of The Kept Press

An amazing film document, co-featured with Pusko's puppet-film "Golden-Key" at the Cameo, is blowing drafts of clean, fresh air through the fog of anti-Soviet press slander reaching new depths during the holiday season. Five exciting reels entitled "Marching Youth" are the record of physical and cultural achievements of the young people of the eleven member republics of the U. S. S. R.

Five camera crews covered last August's "Physical Culture Demonstration in Moscow's Red Square so completely that the spectator of the film gets more out of the giant pageant than those lucky ones in the square itself. A Red Square spectacle is like nothing else to be seen anywhere in the world. It is nothing like a Fifth Avenue parade, nothing like the Czech Sokol callisthenic meets. It is a native Soviet art in itself. With the clock-like precision of a radio broadcast, the units march, perform, dance, present pageants in quiet tempo to a day long pattern carefully worked out to squeeze the last gasp of amazement from the watchers.

From Every Part of USSR

Thousands of young athletes, boys and girls, came to Moscow from all corners of the Soviet Union. The sport clubs of the large cities and industrial centers of the Russian Socialist Federated Republic, the Ukrainian and Belorussian Republics vied with tawny youths from the slopes of the Tian Shan Mountains bordering on China.

These Khrushchev lads and lasses had only fifteen years of modern culture. Prior to that time, the veil was severely imposed on the women and the men were unlettered and lethargically bound to the Mohammedan faith. But here they were, still adhering to the best in their cultural tradition, matching grace and athletic prowess with the trained youngsters of Leningrad and Moscow.

Likewise with the athletes of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Turkmenistan, rank after rank of husky, tanned boys and graceful charming girls. In the impressive pageants of these new people of once dark middle Asia there was little to choose against the exhibitions of mass symmetry and athletic achievement displayed by the sportsmen of the west.

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National Republics Well Represented

The contingents from the Caucasus were especially proud of their accomplishments. The Armenians performed a mass ballet based on the story of their national hero David Sasoon. The youth of Georgia, playing before their fellow-countrymen, Stalin, out-did themselves in a great Georgian dance, the participants in which covered the entire square. The youth of Azerbaijan danced and performed in symbol of their great oil industry.

The thousands of young athletes of both sexes from the League and Spartak sport societies of Leningrad and Moscow give the lie to allegations that have been bruited about in connection with Finland that the masses of youth from which the Red Army soldiers come is not tough and strong. They'll stand comparison with any youth anywhere.

Jascha Heifetz In First Recital Wednesday

Jascha Heifetz, the violinist, will give his first recital of the new year at the Brooklyn Academy of Music under the auspices of the Institute of Arts and Sciences, Wednesday evening, January 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock. This recital will inaugurate a heavy schedule of engagements which will take the eminent violinist to the west coast.

The program will open with a Bach Prelude as transcribed for the violin by Mr. Heifetz. It will be followed by the Brahms Sonata in G Major, the Bruch Concerto in G Minor, Dohnanyi's "Ruralia Hungarica" and two pieces by Tschaikovsky, a Valse and a Scherzo. Mr. Heifetz will be accompanied at the piano by Emanuel Bach.

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Scene from Physical Culture Parade in Moscow

The Season's Greetings From Our Radio Editor

By Eric Munx

"Please, Mr. Santa Claus"—Please, Mr. Santa, have you a news commentator in your bag who will give us the news and not clutter up the airwaves with bias and slander? Too long now, we, poor radio listeners, have had to bear up with the worst type of exaggeration, falsification and high pressure propaganda. Of course we can expect nothing else from hand-picked commentators and newscasters but can't you find at least one who will respect the intelligence of the average radio listener. We have expressed our feelings through polls, write-in campaigns and what not toward the stuff handed out to us over the air by the capitalist censored news agencies, but our protests seem to go unheeded. Please take hand in this matter and do your best. While you're about handing out the good things of life, can't you deliver a letter from the Federal Communications Commission allowing WYNC to remain on the air throughout the day during the entire year? This policy of curtailment of our Municipal Station's activities because the sun happens to set in a city some two thousand miles away has been carried on long enough.

By Marian Panchishin I am a physician. The people have shown me great trust in electing me their representative to the Ukrainian National Assembly. I am firmly convinced that all the deputies will unanimously express the will of the people and proclaim Soviet power in Western Ukraine. That such is the will of the people is attested to by the exceptionally great activity manifested everywhere throughout the elections of the deputies to the Ukrainian National Assembly.

For many years our peasants suffered land hunger. A handful of magnates of former Poland had seized the best lands keeping the Ukrainian peasantry on hunger rations. At present our peasantry has, in the main, completed the division of the lands that had belonged to the landlords, monasteries and important government officials. It is the task of the National Assembly to confirm this division, to hand over the land to the people—the people.

In the past I often had occasion to travel through the rural areas. I saw terrible destitution and hunger. I was a witness of the monstrously unjust attitude of the authorities toward Ukrainian peasants. The people were dying of privation and want. I saw with my own eyes how peasants would split a match in four parts as they had no money with which to buy the matches they needed. Reduced to the condition of primitive man, the peasants employed flint to strike a fire. I came across places where peasants had not had meat for years.

The slightest manifestation of protest against their bitter lot brought on cruel "specification": Uhlans and guards would arrive and beat the peasants to the point of insensibility. To escape from the torturers, the peasants would hide in the forests.

All this has now disappeared. As a physician, I would like to say a few words about my profession. The hard economic conditions of our peasantry caused enormous sickness and mortality among them. The death rate was particularly high among the children. We knew of districts where between 60 and 70 per cent of those who died were children. That is why the increase of population in Western Ukraine was much lower than in other regions.

Work for improving the health of the population began in earnest with the coming of the Red Army. There is much work ahead of us. The working intelligentsia of Western Ukraine is joyously marching towards a new life, eager to devote all its strength and energy to the building of a bright future.

Rudolf Ganz, eminent pianist and composer has been chosen to conduct the Young People's Concerts of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra due to the sudden death of the beloved Ernst Schelling who had done a truly fine job in conducting the Children's Concerts. Because of the death of Dr. Schelling, the schedule of concerts has had to be rearranged. The Saturday morning programs will take place on January 20, Feb. 17, March 2, April 13, May 4. The supplementary concerts on Monday afternoons will be on Jan. 22, Feb. 29 and March 4.

Bernardino Molinari takes over the baton of the NBC Symphony Orchestra soon to be relinquished by Desire Dauwal.

Guy and Lois Maier will give a recital for two pianos at Town Hall Saturday afternoon, December 30. Five compositions will be given their first New York hearing on this occasion. Three of these are by Horner Simmons: "Tango at Midnight," "Scherszino" and "Two Pieces from Alice in Wonderland." The others are "Wastin' Time" by Ernst Bacon and "Waves at Play" by Grossie-Ringo.

Also: New Masses editors Joseph North, Sam Sillen, John Stark, A. B. Magil, Crockett Johnson, James Dugan, Joseph Starobin, etc.

The New Masses "Fountain of Youth" Hop at the Royal Windsor, will feature dancing 'till dawn at the continuous strains of both Edgar Hayes and his famous dance band and Al Louis and his dance band. The festivities will be studious. The sponsors promise, with "surprise entertainment" plus "a ba-

Good Acting in 'Last Desire,' Mediocre Film

LAST DESIRE Presented by Transatlantic Distributors. Adapted from novel by Jeff Musso. Directed by Jeff Musso. Starring Raimi. At the New Belmont, 48th St.

By David Platt

The French Government recently banned for the duration of the war "Port of Shadows," "They Shall Live," "Marseillaise" and 54 other films which they found inimical to the interests of imperialism.

"Last Desire" is not to be found in this distinguished company. It is an inconsequential film about a man who murders his mistress because she could not return his affection in the manner to which he is accustomed. This she could not do because she could not forget the memory of her lost lover somewhere in the wilds of Canada.

Directed by Jeff Musso and adapted from a minor novel by Liam O'Flaherty, "Last Desire" has none of the qualities of the other two films based on O'Flaherty's works, namely "The Puritan" and "The Informer." "The Puritan," which was also directed by Jeff Musso was banned by the New York Board of Censors for what they called its "obscenity," but "Last Desire" which they passed is much more obscene and has numerous suggestive scenes that would never get by the Hays office. Some good psychiatrist ought to look into the minds of the New York censors.

The acting in "Last Desire" as in most French films, is excellent. Raimi, whose huge bulk of a body was last seen disporting himself in "Heart of Paris" is the man in the case and Jacqueline Delubac the woman. Both are excellent. The acting in "Last Desire" as in most French films, is excellent. Raimi, whose huge bulk of a body was last seen disporting himself in "Heart of Paris" is the man in the case and Jacqueline Delubac the woman. Both are excellent.

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On The Score Board

By Lester Rodney

30's Get Duke
Over
Roaring 20's

It's review of the year and general nostalgia time along the sports front. But being as how the year 1939 is coming to a close, suppose we make this little effort a brief review of a decade instead of year. The thirties are still too close to have taken on the romantic glow of the much glorified Roaring Twenties, but if I had to pick one of them for an argument as to which produced the greatest athletes and greatest teams, I'd take the thirties. In fact I will, and right now.

The 20's had its Jack Dempsey. The 30's has its Joe Louis. The 20's had its Babe Ruth. The 30's has its Joe DiMaggio. The 20's had its Bill Tilden. The 30's gave us Don Budge. The 20's had Paavo Nurmi and Charley Paddock. The 30's produced Glenn Cunningham and Jesse Owens. The 20's had the Yankees of '27. The 30's bore the Yankees of '37, '38, '39.

Of course, any outright comparison between men and teams that never met is no more than opinion, but without opinion sports writing would be a pretty dull business.

So I think Joe Louis of the depression 30's is a far greater heavyweight than Jack Dempsey of the Roaring 20's and for that matter any other heavyweight of any other set of years. Which incidentally, is an opinion pretty generally shared by sports writers the country over. Winning the championship at the age of 22 after losing but one fight, Louis broke all precedent by defending it successfully more than ten times in two years and among the ten was a quick and decisive reversal of that lone loss to Max Schmeling. Great fighter that Dempsey was, he never attained anything like the deadly perfection of Louis, either in the record books or inside the ropes, and those who saw Jack in his prime are now almost unanimously of the opinion that the Louis of today would have knocked out the Dempsey of the Willard-Carpentier-Firpo days. But watta fight it would have been!

Babe Ruth is the one colossal figure of the 20's who stands up unchallenged by the 30's. The finest baseball player the almost late lamented decade has produced is Joe DiMaggio, a wonderful young star who does everything naturally and right, and whose full development as possibly the greatest of all times lies with the 40's. But the rolling, tubby, pigeon-toed soaker from out of a Baltimore orphanage who blazed the game out of its previous groove with the excitement of his home runs, and who was a great outfielder as well, must take precedence over DiMaggio or anyone else produced by the 30's.

When you come to Bill Tilden and Don Budge you come to a stand-off. Great as was Bill, the Los Angeles redhead is now as overwhelmingly superior to all competition on the courts as was the temperamental one in his, and who is to say what might have happened had they crossed rackets at their respective heats?

The 30's produced no such enduring football name as the Red Grange of the 20's. Slinging Sammy Baugh at his peak was probably the closest the 30's came to him, and at his amazing, passing best, Sammy never was the sure fire wonder performer of the Illinois ghost who romped through every defense of his day. And, it should be added, defenses of that day were not opened as invitingly to runners by the threat of the pass weapon developed fully only in the 30's.

The 20's take one cleanly in Suzanne Lenglen and Helen Wills, who have yet to be matched by any later lady of the nets. But even there Alice Marble will bear a lot of watching in the next year.

It's no contest in track and field. Nurmi and Paddock, the distance and sprint suds of the earlier period, would have eaten the dust of Glenn Cunningham and Jesse Owens ten times out of ten times out. There was but one little fighter in the 20's to compare to the Henry Armstrong who ripped allistic tradition to shreds by winning 47 consecutive fights and three simultaneous championships. No one even close.

There was no college basketball team in the 20's that could have given last year's Long Island University outfit a beating, and none but the most deadly of diehards will any longer argue that there was a baseball team of the caliber of the present Yankees.

So there. It's all rather sketchy and opinionated, and about all it will prove is that there are a lot of readers who think the 20's had it all over the 30's, and will say so. But right now I'm holding down this space, not you, so I give you the Thirties and its athletes, greater than the Roaring Twenties of song and fame. Or the 10's, if you want another argument.

WHAT'S ON

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Riggs, Marble Head USLTA Ratings

Bobby Riggs of Chicago and Alice Marble of Palm Springs, Calif., again headed the rankings of the United States Lawn Tennis Association for 1939 but the rapid rise of the younger generation in both men's and women's divisions pre-sages a tennis revolution in 1940.

Although Riggs held the No. 1 spot in the men's division the first spot in the women's division the first ranking shows a tremendous shakeup with five newcomers, Don McNeill, Oklahoma City, No. 3; Welby Van Horn, Los Angeles, No. 4; Wayne Sabin, Portland, No. 5; Gardner Mulloy, Coral Gables, Fla., No. 8; and Henry Prusoff, Seattle, No. 10.

In the women's division the outstanding newcomer is Helen Bernhard, chunky New York star, who was ranked No. 4 behind the three tried and true veterans, Alice Marble, Helen Jacobs and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabian, ranked one-two-three in that order. Miss Bernhard, barely out of the junior ranks, apparently has the stroke equipment to make a bid for championship laurels next season.

In the men's doubles Don McNeill and Frankie Parker were rated

Yanks, Packers, LIU Top Teams of Year

Here are the high lights of 1939 in each of the major sports:

BASEBALL—Yankees won American League pennant by 17 games and Cincinnati the National League pennant by a 4½ games. Yankees swept World Series in four straight games and furnished six players for the American League team that defeated the National League, 3 to 1 in the all-star game at New York. Joe DiMaggio, Yankee center fielder and batting leader of the American League, was generally hailed as the player of the year. The 1939 season marked the passing of Lou Gehrig, Yankee first baseman, who was forced to retire because of illness after setting a record for consecutive games played.

FOOTBALL—Three major teams—Tennessee, Cornell and Texas A. & M.—finished the season undefeated and untied. The shifting of football power to the South and the return to favor of the running game as against excessive passing were two of the features. Nile Kinnick of Iowa was acclaimed the player of the year because of his brilliant passing, running, punting and drop kicking. Kenny Washington of UCLA was rated as all great. At the year's end the following teams were chosen for the bowl games: Rose Bowl, Tennessee vs. Southern California; Sugar Bowl, Tulane vs. Texas Aggies; Orange Bowl, Missouri vs. Georgia Tech; Cotton Bowl, Boston College vs. Clemson; Sun Bowl, Temple Teachers vs. Catholic University.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL had its greatest year from the standpoint of interest and attendance, the New York Giants won the Eastern

ern championship and the Green Bay Packers, the Western. In the championship game at Milwaukee, the Packers defeated the Giants, 27 to 0.

TENNIS—America lost her ace when Don Budge turned professional and the Australians lifted the Davis Cup by winning three matches out of five. The Wimbledon victors were: Men's singles, Riggs; women's singles, Miss Marble; mixed doubles, Miss Marble and Riggs; men's doubles, Riggs and Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore.; women's doubles, Miss Marble and Mrs. Fabian. Winners of the American titles: Women's singles, Miss Marble; men's singles, Riggs; men's doubles, Jack Bromwich and Adrian Quist of Australia; mixed doubles, Miss Marble and Harry Hopman of Australia; women's doubles, Miss Marble and Mrs. Quist.

All American he was Mr. Torgoff of LIU, a brilliant and consistent all around performer, hub of the great team.

BOXING—Joe Louis, defending his heavyweight title four times, defeated John Henry Lewis, Jack Rooper, Tony Galento and Bob Pastor. All of the champion's victories were either knockouts or technical knockouts. Billy Van, a busy campaigner, won the light heavyweight title by outpointing Melio Bettina in Madison Square Garden and at the end of the year was preparing to move into the heavyweight ranks. Ceferino Garcia of the Philippines won recognition as mid-weight champion by knocking out Fred Apostoli in October. Henry Armstrong retained his welterweight title but lost his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers in August when a disputed 15-round decision went against him. Joey Archibald became undisputed featherweight champion by defeating Leo Rodak in April. Sixto Escobar retired as bantamweight champion because of difficulty in making the weight.

TRACK—Man of the year was Taisto Maki of Finland, who broke world records in the 5,000 meters, 10,000 meters, two and three mile runs. His two mile mark was outstanding—8:53.2. A new star emerged here in John Borican, Negro middle distance man who cracked the indoor marks in the half mile and 800 meter and the 1,000 meter, beating Glenn Cunningham in the latter.

GOLF—Byron Nelson, a promising Texas-born professional, hit his stride last season and won the national open by defeating Craig Wood in a second play-off round at the Philadelphia Country Club. Nelson also went to the finals of the PGA tournament, but was defeated by Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa. The Women's title went to Miss Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Tex., and the men's amateur to Marvin (Bud) Ward of Spokane, Wash. Great Britain made a clean sweep of all its big tournaments.

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NBA Ranks Inconsistent Fighters

Galento, Zivic, Day and
Scalzo Are First
Contenders

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24 (UP)—The rating committee of the National Boxing Association today deplored the undependability of the current crop of boxers in announcing its quarterly ranking of champions and leading contenders in eight weight divisions.

Two-Ton Tony Galento, said to rank as the leading contender for world heavyweight champion Joe Louis' crown.

"Boxers on the whole have been very inconsistent," announced Fred Saddy, committee chairman. "After making a few good fights, they follow up with bouts in which they are decided favorites and they are expected to win, but seem to fall down. For example, the fight of Lou Nova against Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey against Steve Dudas."

Current rankings follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Champion Joe Louis, Michigan; No. 1, contender, Tony Galento, New Jersey; 2. Bob Pastor, New York; 3. Lou Nova, California; 4. Tommy Farr, Wales, England; 5. Max Baer, California; 6. Red Burman, Maryland; 7. Johnny Paycheck, Iowa; 8. Roscoe Toles, Michigan; 9. Willie Reddish, Pennsylvania; 10. Lee Savold, Minnesota.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Champion Billy Conn, Pennsylvania; 1. Gus Lesnevich, New Jersey; 2. Melio Bettina, New York; 3. Ron Richards, Australia.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Champion Al Hostek, Washington; 1. Ceferino Garcia, Philippines; 2. Ken Overlin, Illinois; 3. Fred Apostoli, California.

WELTERWEIGHTS—Champion Henry Armstrong, California; 1. Fritzie Zivic, Pennsylvania; 2. Charley Burley, Pennsylvania; 3. Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico.

LIGHTWEIGHTS—Champion Lou Ambers, New York; 1. Davy Day, Illinois; 2. Sammy Angott, Kentucky; 3. Pete Lello, Indiana.

FEATHERWEIGHTS—Champion Joey Archibald, Rhode Island; 1. Pete Scalzo, New York; 2. Harry Jeffra, Maryland; 3. Simon Chavez, Venezuela; Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico.

FLYWEIGHTS—Champion Little Dado, Philippines; 1. Enrico Urbanci, Italy; 2. Little Pancho, Philippines; 3. Small Montana, Philippines.

BANTAMWEIGHTS—Champion George Pace, Ohio; 1. K. O. Morgan, Michigan; 2. Tony Olivera, California; 3. Lou Salica, New York.

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Jim Starmer
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Georgia Tech back



Al Samserino
Arizona State guard



Pete Olsinski
Catholic U. center



Sam Bartholomew
Tennessee back

LIU's Number Up at Last Tomorrow Night, Says L.R.

Loaded USC '5' Too Good for Young Blackbirds Right Now, Sez He, Also Colliding with Kurman on Manhattan-Texas Tiff

Sorry folks, but we see the number of that Long Island University basketball team up tomorrow night after an overlapping win streak of 42. It's the University of Southern California team that we like to do the trick to this Brooklyn team which is potentially great but ripe for one licking at least before going on.

To round out our disagreements with yesterday's Sunday Worker predictions by Mr. Kurman on the opening twin bill of the "Week of Champions" contest, we also like Manhattan to take Texas over the jumps in the opener. (Get your buck on the line, Stan!)

If ever a team was loaded for another one it's this USC outfit that has blazed an unbeaten trail across the country en route to the Garden. Last winter they came in with a similar record and ideas of pushing over the touted LIU team as they had done Temple and the rest. And the Brooklyn bunch got hot right off the bat and almost ran them off the court as they never got started. But this is another year.

All the USC men who were caught off guard are back, while the first five regulars who took

the set-up is almost identical to last year because an undefeated, unscathed-on Southern team carries the banner of the East while USC returns to represent the West and again with a non-too-perfect record.

Howard Jones, ending his fifth year as Troy's head coach, is highly aware of the situation and he's doing something about it.

For the past week the Trojans in light signal scrimmages have thrown more passes than they have all season. Since USC's fortunes before have risen or fallen mainly on the ground, the sudden concentration on aerial fireworks produced considerable ripple of surprise.

Whether Jones and his board of strategy are planning a wholesale barrage of passes throughout the game or merely sharpening up a department that usually gathers dust at USC, no one can be sure, but this is certain: the Trojans will have on tap against the Vols one of the most potent aerial attacks of their long Rose Bowl history.

Quarterback Doyle Nave and end Al Kreuger, are the pair that clicked for the long pass that defeated Duke 7-3 in the final second of the last Rose Bowl game. Grenny Lansdell, Troy's first string quarterback, has added passing to his repertoire so now he carries a large part of the aerial burdens. His tosses are hard and fast, but lack the finesse of Nave's throws, or the accuracy of Amby Schindler.

Worst Defeat in CCNY History!

LIU through to a national title are gone. Coach Sam Barry and his boys have been peaking for this game, and the amazing defeat they plastered on Notre Dame at South Bend the other night shows they must be near that peak. The Trojans come in with an all sophomore group as a second team that never tasted defeat as freshmen, and will have it all over LIU in reserve strength.

The last time an LIU team ran up a streak like this, 43, a Stanford team headed by the great Hank Luisetti broke their streak. The current Bee edition has run last year's unbeaten streak to 42, and they bump into another West Coast team with a great scoring ace (from Indiana, shh!) who broke Luisetti's one game mark on the Coast last year by popping in 30 points against UCLA. LIU just squeezed through Oregon, which isn't as good as USC, and it's a young team carrying an unfair mental load in that inherited winning streak. So we like USC. But it'll be a ball game with King, Lombardi and Schechtel pitching! And of course there's always . . .

Manhattan is an underrated team which has won four and lost one, that one with center John Flanagan out. Flanagan is good, so is little Kravets, and Soeker Jim Sarullo is positively sensational. Too much for a Texas outfit, even a championship Texas outfit like the one it's playing.

But don't bet on either. Leave that to me and Kurman . . .

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